

Amendment dated December 18, 2007

Reply to Office Action of September 20, 2007

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-12 are pending in the application. By this Reply, claim 1 is amended and claim 5 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 11 and 12 are added. Currently, claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-12 are before the Examiner.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,534,199 issued to Hosokawa et al.

In response to the rejection based on 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, the negative limitation regarding “except phenyl” has been removed from the claim. Therefore, this rejection is now moot and it should be withdrawn.

Applicants acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 5, 8, and 10. In light of this indication, claim 1 is rewritten into independent form and claim 5 is canceled. New claim 11 is submitted that incorporates of claims 1, 7, and 8. New claim 12 incorporates the subject matter of claim 1 and 10.

In light of these amendments, each of independent claims 1, 11, and 12 are in condition for allowance. The remaining dependent claims 2, 4, and 6-10 are also in condition for allowance by reason of their dependency on claim 1.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Daniel Y.J. Kim**, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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